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A royal welcomed planned for HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima

Royal Visit Committee and event organizers



Show the King debate and photography contest

ORANJESTAD -- The island of Aruba looks forward to welcoming their new king, HRM Willem-Alexander, and his wife, Queen Maxima, on November 20 of this year. This will be the first time since ascending the throne that the royal family will be touring its

Caribbean territories. Aruba will be the last stop on the itinerary, which will begin with a visit to St. Maarten on November 12.

The committee charged with organizing the events for the royal visit, headed by the Director of the Cabinet of the Governor, Martijn Boelen and the Secretary of the Cabinet of Ministers, Nicole Hoevertsz, announced the upcoming schedule of the Aruba leg of their journey, which will involve public events on November 20th and 21st. There will be ample opportunity for islanders to view their new monarch and show their devotion to the throne.

The king and queen will arrive on Tuesday evening, November 19, and the Hyatt Regency Resort will be the host hotel. The public is asked to respect their privacy when they are not attending official events.

The official welcome to the island will take place on L.G. Smith Boulevard, in front of the Parliament and Government Building at 10:00 AM on Wednesday morning, November 20.

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Venezuela rules out imminent devaluation



Venezuelan political analyst and editor of Tal Cual local newspaper, Teodoro Petkoff, speaks during an interview with the AFP in Caracas on October 14, 2013. Today Nicolas Maduro marks six months in front of Venezuela presidency, times marked by economic drift and broken bridges with the opposition.

(AFP PHOTO)

CARACAS (AFP) - The Venezuelan government denied yesterday it planned to devalue its currency, despite a shortage of dollars and euros that has fueled demand on the black market

"A devaluation is not on the table," said Rafael Ramirez, the newly appointed vice president in charge of economic policy who has also long served as oil minister.

"We have enough foreign currency to ensure our economy performs well," he told reporters, saying Venezuela has reserves of \$30.5 billion

Ramirez was speaking at the headquarters of state oil giant PDVSA, which he presides and which accounts for 96 percent of the country's foreign revenues.

He blasted private media for launching an "economic war" against Venezuela by warning of imminent deflation and suggesting the economy was on the verge of collapse.

The decrease in international reserves of the Central Bank, which closed the quarter at \$21.5 billion, is due to a drop in gold prices in international markets, Ramirez said.

He said the reserves would return to their "optimal" level by the end of the year







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HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima will be greeted by an honor guard of the Royal Dutch Marines as well as Governor Refunjol and Prime Minister Eman of Aruba. The public is encouraged to attend Following the official greeting in the presence of local and visiting dignitaries, the royals will then meet with members of parliament and the Cabinet of Ministers.

An afternoon program titled "Show the King" will showcase the artistic and intellectual prowess of Aruba's youth Those participating will be selected by a contest where they are asked to submit photographs taken on their smartphones, demonstrating "What is your vision of Aruba in twenty years?" It should include an explanation of their image in no more than 250 words. Six photographs will be selected for exhibition, and the winner will have an opportunity to discuss their photograph with HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima The contest is open to islanders from the ages of 14 through 24.

The final presentation will be an expo of the photos, but mostly dedicated to a debate between students of the University of Aruba and the Youth Parliament, which consists of secondary school students. Their theme is the same as the photography contest, and they will present their arguments in teams of four each. They will also rebut the assertions of their opponents and be prepared to answer questions. The debate will be conducted in Dutch and English This will take place at the Santa Teresita Center in San Nicolas.

The first official day of the royal visit will end with a grand event, "Royal Night at Bushiribana," beginning at 7:00 PM. It will include a concert featuring folkloric, carni-

val and popular music and dance, with local and international artists. The area will be prepared to accommodate 7000 spectators.

On Thursday, at 10:00 AM, a "Royal Jump Up" will be conducted at the Guillermo Trinidad Stadium, with the participation of every elementary school student on Aruba. The theme is "Exercise and Health." Special tee shirt uniforms featuring the royal colors will be distributed to all the schoolchildren and a diversity of sport disciplines and activities highlighted. It is expected that nearly 10,000 children will participate.

The king and queen will then attend "Conversations for Lunch," with a select group of 15 islanders. The luncheon guests will be chosen among those with their fingers on the pulse of various aspects of island life. Commerce, education, charity work, tourism, history, social issues are only some of the topics they will discuss, and how HRM Willem-Alexander can impact these aspects of island life in the coming years. Organizers of this event have not yet revealed who the participants will be, but assert they are looking towards "not the usual suspects." The guests will be those who work diligently and are informed, often willingly maintaining some anonymity.

At 1:45 PM there will be an announcement regarding the Oranjefonds, a foundation of which the king and queen are the patrons. The current project is "Opportunities for Young People of the Caribbean." Hoevertz Nicole pointed out that it is a great honor that Aruba has been the island selected where the official un-

In the evening, island dignitaries and invited guests will attend Governor Refunjol's gala reception for HRM King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima. This will end the official royal visit.

veiling will take place.

Their majesties will linger in the region, as following their time in the Dutch Caribbean, two historic visits, one to the President of Venezuela, Nicolas Maduro, and the other to President Juan Manuel Santos Calderón of Colombia will take place for the first time. Aruba will be their base for these day trips, returning to rest on the island in between Aruba's Prime Minster Mike Eman has been invited to accompany them.

A website dedicated to the upcoming royal visit, www. bishitareal 2013 aw, is expected to go live this weekend. It will have a full agenda of events, as well as updates and the photos submitted for the "Show the King" contest.



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Translating and connecting government policies to the citizenry

ORANJESTAD -- The annual Green Aruba Energy Conference, conducted for the fourth time from October 9 through 11 this year, had the added benefit of partnering with the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum, expanding its scope to a higher international level. This was a vital and vigorous three days for those in the energy field who traveled from around globe to attend. Both innovators and investors met and networked with government officials from across the region. Renewable energy technology and utilization is of prime interest to island nations, who agree across the board that freedom from oil dependence, with its detrimental effects on their economies as their primary energy source, is a driving force for policy making in the Caribbean.

In a previous article, THE MORNING NEWS recounted the confirmation by CREF Co-Founder and Chairman Jerry Butler, a person who has brokered energy utility projects and toured facilities across the

region and world, that Aruba is indeed in the vanguard of striving for sustainability and complete independence from fossil fuels, specifically, oil. However, regarding the ambition of a 100% sustainable nation by the year 2020, he does see some obstacles, the most relevant being bringing this mission and vision to the "man on the street," with their full participation in the effort on a grass roots level.

One observance, aside from ideas regarding sparking the participation of each citizen, was Aruba should also be more vigilant about partnering with nearby neighbors, such as Venezuela, to have a "fall back," rather than relying solely on a centralized power source and system. "You can have a kind of catastrophic "perfect storm," he explains, "and I have seen it happen. An automobile has an accident and hits a significant pole carrying TND wires, it causes a fault, one generator shuts down, another, like a domino effect, and you have a major

blackout If your switching capacity allows you to have this "extension cord" to Venezuela, you would be right back up. This is one challenge I believe should be researched and discussed. On the mainland U.S., being connected to other grids is part of their contingency planning."

"Actually, we began this interview with a word I wish to elaborate upon. " he continued. "That is "disconnection." You actually asked what I think of what the government of Aruba is articulating and saying they are doing versus what the average Aruban sees and believes is happening. I felt that while the policy is at a high level, at the altitude level, and has individual owners, where things are being worked on, the education and public buy-in, and the measure of these, needs to also be addressed."

"I find if I speak to an Aruban on the street and I say "Hey, the government is going to reduce your carbon footprint to zero by 2020, what are you going to do about that?" In

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these countries, I am a Caribbean man, so I get to sit at the bars and talk to the help and patrons and ask. The majority just look blank and say "what?" I had the impression the policy needed to address a public education and empowerment gambit."

"I have observed, in Barbados for example, the answer
would be "Hey, I am going to
the bank, because they have a
program where I can put solar
panels on my house. If I put
250kw on my house, and I
only use 100. My plan is to sell
the extra to the utility and
make money on this." This is
not on all other islands, but it
is becoming more common."

The other challenge point Mr. Butler observed, which also noticed frequently by visitors from the U.S. and Holland, is the lack of a uniformed, coordinated recycling efforts by all the citizenry. A private company has a sorting center for the waste it collects from its private garbage collection service. Materials are sorted and shipped out to recycling plants in other locations. W.E.B., Aruba's energy provider, recently signed a contract to establish a facility that will turn Aruba refuse into biodiesel.

However, very few of Aruba's resorts, which produce massive amounts or waste, have separate waste bins for plastics, paper and glass, which would be a very good start on solving this disconnection. Other measures come to mind, such as replacing public waste bins around the island with ones which have separate bins to sort for recyclable materials. The Bucuti Beach Resort installed these years ago The Westin Resort, which hosted the event this year, also had divided waste bins around

the lobby and conference area, but they were not there prior to the event. These are particularly needed around Aruba's beaches, especially in areas that are heavily populated with islanders on the weekends, where they picnic regularly.

"It is important to connect and empower the average Aruban so they feel responsible for realizing the governments policies. An aggressive recycling and re-using program should be in place. Part of the plan to establish an energy producing program deploying what is going in to your landfill, is to reduce what is going into the landfill. Plastics, can, bottles and paper should be put separately from other refuse. I have no idea what you are doing about your used tires...It did not seem to me that an area of the policy addressed that, and that is an empowering mechanism. It is a responsibility mechanism to dovetail on this point."

"Legislatively, if you are required to separate your trash when putting it out for collection, or save your plastic bottles, or pay deposit on cans and glass bottles, or you have to use the same bag at the supermarket, with paying a lot to get a new one, then you have this empowerment scenario associated with our discussion."

"These three points are relatively "low hanging fruit" to research and add into your policy framework," continued Mr. Butler. "These don't require a big investment in regards to public resources. They do require an investment in regards to a public education gambit. It is in these areas that I felt that the policy could focus more upon."

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"However, these aspects are small aspects, and Aruba is more progressive in the larger picture, than many nations that are giving attention to these smaller aspects. You have a project that may be pending, to air-condition all the 8000 hotel rooms using deep water cooling. You have the people looking at and willing to invest in the big projects, which may very well take you to the level of sustainability to which you aspire, much faster than those working diligently on the smaller aspects." This attention to the large scale, recruiting into the plan those with the influence and power to make change on a grand scale, has brought Aruba to the forefront of the renewable energy movement and earned the island the support of some very important and strategic international partners, such as the Carbon War Room

Mr. Butler asserted that the wasteful behavior of "a gene-

ration that grew up with oil costing only 30 cents a barrel will have to change as the price climbs to where it is now, \$103 a barrel, and in the not so distant future, \$300 a barrel...It will really start to hit them in the pocket."

"This brings me to an overriding philosophical discussion associated with the "greening of Aruba" and whether you buy in, etcetera, and where this is moving I think for now, Arubans and the Aruban government treat the implementation of renewable energy and a sustainable framework as a "cost." It is expense centered. I think in the long run, you should have a long-run philosophy, which is my capitalistic side speaking, where you turn it into a revenue-producing center. What you are doing in Aruba, and the lessons you have learned, you could sell those advisory services. That is the "Green Gateway" philosophy, allowing Aruba to diversify its economy."

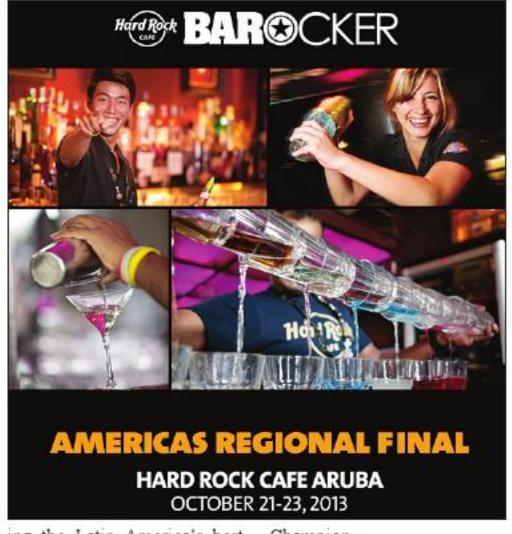


Hard Rock International launches regional phase of Global BARocker bartending competition

Hard Rock Café Aruba hosts regional finals of worldwide bar battle

ORANJESTAD - Hard Rock International holds a sincere belief that its employees around the world are its greatest assets. Now, shining the spotlig ht on these true rock stars. Hard Rock launched BARocker, the company's first-ever global bartending battle! Beginning in May, hundreds of Hard Rock's top bartenders from all over the world took their place behind their cafe's bar and showcased their unparalleled skills for the chance to be crowned as Hard Rock's best local bartender of 2013 Now those Cafe BARocker Champions will go head to head as the competition kicks off its Regional Finals.

On Monday, October 21, 2013, Hard Rock Cafe Aruba will host the regional round of this rock-star bar battle, featur-



Mr. and Mrs. Rieb honored for their loyalty to Aruba

Recently, the Aruba Tourism Authority honored Mr. Richard and Mrs. Dorene Rieb resident of Brookhaven New York as Ambassadors of Goodwill of Aruba.

The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest who visits Aruba for between 10 and 20 years consecu-

Mr. and Mrs. Rieb are members of Costa Linda Beach Resort and have been enjoying the island every year.

Darline de Cuba, representing Aruba Tourism Authority, handed the nice couple a cerficate, thanking them for their love and loyalty to Aruba. Also present were Gloria Janga and Miriam Rodriquez of the Costa Linda Beach Resort.



ing the Latin America's best bartenders. The competition will be judged by a panel of industry experts, local celebrities and famous faces. Competitors will be judged on several key components, including recipe knowledge, pour testing, accuracy, speed, flair and showman-

Following the local rounds, one bartender from each cafe location was selected to represent their city in a competition with other Hard Rock Cafes in their area, where a Regional BARocker champion will be chosen. Six Regional Champions from around the world will then be flown to Orlando. FL. for Hard Rock's annual Global Conference in January 2014 for the worldwide finals, where they'll compete for the title of Global BARocker Champion.

The grand prize winner will receive an all-expenses-paid trip for two to their choice of one of Hard Rock's beautiful all-inclusive resort properties and also have their winning drink featured on Hard Rock's beverage menu for a limited time.

What: Hard Rock Cafe Aruba Hosts BARocker Com-

When: Monday, October Welcome Cocktail Reception from 7pm - 9pm

Tuesday, October 22, Flair Competition & announcement of 3 finalist for Barocker Americas from 7pm – 9pm

Wednesday, October 23, Barocker Gran Finals and award night from 8pm - 10pm

Where: Hard Rock Cafe Aruba @, South Beach, Palm Beach.



Kia Motors brand value increases by 15% to USD 4.7 billion

- Kia moves ahead four places in 2013 to 83rd place on global top 100 brand ranking study

SEOUL - Kia Motors Corporation has increased its brand value by 15% over the past year to reach the 83rd position on the exclusive list of 'Top 100 Best Global Brands,' according to a 2013 study released today by Interbrand, the world's largest brand consultancy agency.

Kia first entered the 'Top 100 Best Global Brands' last year, coming in 87th place, but has since risen four spots to reach an estimated brand value of USD 4.7 billion. This represents a 15%, or USD 619 million, increase from last year's estimated brand value and far exceeds the overall top 100 brands' average value growth rate of 8.4%.

Strategic brand building activities in 2013 have included the continued roll out of "A Different Beat," a newly developed brand identity system that embodies three core brand characteristics vibrant, distinctive and reliable. This new brand identity system is being driven across Kia's global network both internally and externally and has paved the way for innovative marketing initiatives such as the collaborative

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branded entertainment campaign with DreamWorks Animation's "The Croods" motion picture for the global launch of the all-new Carens MPV (known as 'Rondo' in some markets).

In the U.S., the new brand identity system has given added momentum to Kia's cutting-edge leadership in music, with significant credibility gained within the industry and with consumers thanks to continuing sponsorship of the MTV Music Awards and Van's Warped Tour, along with the successful Soul hamster ad series and Super

Bowl ads.

In addition, striking an appeal with Kia's young-at heart target customers through major sports sponsorships such as the FIFA World Cup, Australian Open and NBA, along with a strong focus on digital and social marketing, have been key components driving the Kia brand forward globally. Over the past few years the Kia brand has gamered a significant presence within the digital realm by taking an innovative communications approach in connecting with customers online. Kia has more than 250 global and local

social media profiles that constitute a reach of some 1.4 billion people who are having more than 300,000 Kia-related conversations daily in the form of comments, sharing, postings and mentions.

This latest recognition by Interbrand follows hot on the heels of Kia's recent introduction to Interbrand's 50 Best Global Green Brands 2013, in which Kia placed 37th this past June.

The 2013 edition of Interbrand's annual 'Top 100 Best Global Brands' study was executed through a comprehensive brand performance analysis using best practice research methodology by expert analysts. The study measures a corporation's financial performance in terms of the raw financial return to investors; role that a brand plays in the actual purchase decision; and brand strength, which is the ability of a brand to secure the delivery of expected future earnings.

Kia Motors Corporation (www.kiamotors.com) – a maker of quality vehicles for the young-at-heart – was founded in 1944 and is Korea's oldest manufacturer of motor vehicles. Over 2.5 million Kia vehicles a year are produced in 15 manufacturing and assembly operations in ten countries which are then sold and serviced through a network of distributors and dealers covering 149 countries. Kia today has over 47,000 employees worldwide and annual revenues of US\$39 billion. It is the major sponsor of the Australian Open and an official automotive partner of FIFA - the governing body of the FIFA World Cup.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Out-of-fuel European satellite to come crashing down

PARIS (AFP) - A satellite monitoring Earth's gravity field since 2009 will run out of fuel "in the coming days" and eventually crash, with little risk to humans, the European Space Agency said yesterday.

About 40 to 50 fragments with a combined mass of 250 kilograms (550 pounds) are projected to hit our planet within weeks of the GOCE satellite running out of fuel, ac-

cording to spacecraft operations manager Christoph Steiger.

"We are very close to the end," he told AFP yesterday, when the pressure in the satellite's fuel tank dropped below 2.5 bar -- the minimum required for full operation.

Not yet known is when and where the fragments will impact -- over the ocean or on land.

The pressure in the orbiter's tank is expected to drop to zero no later than October 26 but the engine will likely stop working before then, said Steiger.

"Right now, it is not possible to predict where it will happen, it could be anywhere. The closer we get to the reentry point, the more precisely we will be able to say.

"Roughly one day before impact, one can exclude certain regions of the Earth A few hours before, we will be able to tell with ... a few thousand kilo-



meters of precision."

The Gravity Ocean Circulation Explorer (GOCE) was launched into orbit in March 2009 at an altitude of just 260 kilomeers (160 miles).

It has stayed aloft thanks to its unusual aerodynamic shape and an ion propulsion system.

GOCE's stock of 41 kg of fuel stood at about 350 grams yesterday. When it runs out completely, the satellite will start losing altitude, become unstable and eventually deorbit.

Most of the 5.3-meter-long (17.2-foot) spacecraft will break up at an altitude of about 80 kilometers (50 miles), said Steiger.

But about a quarter of its mass will survive, hitting the surface in a trail of fragments over an area of a few hundred

"The risk is very small, but it is not zero," said Fernand Alby, in charge of space debris and space surveillance at

France's National Center of Space Studies (CNES) in Toulouse.

"Per year, it is estimated that about 100 tons of manmade space debris is reentering the atmosphere, out of which between 20 and 40 tons survive reentry... and impact somewhere on Earth, " Steiger said.

In 50 years of spaceflight, there have been no casualties from manmade space debris reentering, he insisted.

"The risk of getting hit by such a reentering, manmade space debris is 65,000 times lower than getting hit by lighting. It is 1.5 million times lower than being killed in a home accident -- falling down the stairs or something like that."

350-million-euro The (\$465-million) mission has lasted twice as long as its initially scheduled 20 months.

Scientists say it has returned reams of data on Earth's gravity field and ocean circulation.

Steiger said a global space debris coordinating committee was monitoring the satellite to predict its point of reentry, "and we are passing on the information to national authorities."



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US secures Romanian air base for Afghan pullout



KYRGYZSTAN, MANAS— One of the US servicemen performs a daily routine on the runway at the US transit center in Manas, 30 km outside Bishkek, on October 18, 2013. The United States agreed a deal yesterday with Romania allowing use of an air base on the Black Sea as a transit point for American troops departing Afghanistan, officials said. The agreement allows the US to shift its flight operations to Romania's Mihail Kogalniceanu air base from an airport in Kyrgyzstan.International coalition forces are to exit Afghanistan by the end of next year, leaving local forces to take on fighting the Taliban alone. (AFP PHOTO)

US think tank disputes N.Korea nuclear progress report

think tank yesterday disputed a study that North Korea's nuclear program was developing beyond the world's ability to control it and, as evidence, pointed to support by China.

At a conference last month in Seoul, two US scholars presented a report saying that North Korea appeared to be capable of producing key components of the gas centrifuges needed to enrich uranium.

Joshua Pollack, who produced the report with Massachusetts Institute of Technology nuclear scientist Scott Kemp, said that the findings showed that the longstanding global response to North Korea of export controls, sanctions and interdictions "has probably reached its limit of effectiveness."

But the Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security said it saw flaws in the analysis and stressed that much remains murky about North Korea.

The institute said it has learned of North Korea's recent import from China, its main ally, of restricted commachine tools, which would indicate it is not able to produce such advanced products

The institute also said that pictures of a key component -a computer-numerically controlled flow forming machine - raised suspicions it was manufactured in Europe

The institute's David Albright and Olli Heinonen praised their fellow scholars' efforts but said that, barring

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US puter-numerically controlled other technical evidence, their conclusions are "likely incorrect, or at least overstated."

"The possible conclusion of the paper that export controls and sanctions are no longer effective or are unable to ever control the supply of illicit goods to North Korea may undermine, as a matter of policy, the justification for these efforts," they wrote. "If anything, the priority is strengthening these measures with China's cooperation." they concluded.



Washington -- AFP photo shows US President Barack Obama (C), US Vice President Joe Biden (L) and Jeh Johnson making their way through the Colonnade for a presss conference in the Rose Garden of the White House on October 18, 2013 in Washington, DC. Obama yesterday announced Johnson as his choice to be the next homeland Security secretary. Johnson would succeed Janet Napolitano who left earlier this year.



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International News

Families mourn Laos air disaster victims



PAKSE (AFP) - Rescuers have recovered the bodies of more than half of the victims of Laos's worst known air disaster, officials said Friday, as families began to hold funerals for the dead.

All those on board died when the Lao Airlines turboprop ATR-72 plunged into the Mekong River in stormy weather on Wednesday near Pakse airport in Champasak province.

More than half of the 49 passengers and crew were foreigners from 10 countries.

Volunteers searched the river on boats of all sizes, mustered for the grim task of plucking the dead from the turbulent waters -- in some cases many miles from the crash site.

Souksamone Phommasone said he was devastated as he prepared to cremate his wife, who died along with her mother and father as they returned in the ill-fated aircraft from a visit to see the couple's daughter in Vientiane.

His wife's body, lying in a simple white coffin in a temple decorated with flowers and family photographs, is one of the few to be released after being identified. The bodies of his parents-in-law were still being autopsied, he said.

Other funerals were being prepared in the temple on Friday.

Thai officials at a crisis centre said at least 26 bodies have been found so far.

At the riverbank local people said prayers, laying flowers and burning incense near where the plane is thought to have dived into the water.

Bodies found miles downstream

The aircraft sank to the bottom of the river and rescuers said recovering the wreckage would be an extremely difficult task, complicated by raging currents.

Soubinh Keophet, a former national footballer and volunteer with a Laos rescue foundation, said one body was discovered as far as 30 kilometres (19 miles) from the crash site.

Sommad Pholsena, Laos minister of public works and transport, told reporters that 17 bodies had been found so far.



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Saudi withdrawal stuns UN Security Council

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) Saudi Arabia angrily rejected a
UN Security Council seat Friday, accusing the UN body of
"double standards" over the
Syria war and other trouble
spots in an unprecedented
diplomatic assault.

The Saudi move sparked disarray at the Security Council where it only won the seat on Thursday at a UN General Assembly election.

Russia criticized the Saudis'
"strange" decision but the conservative kingdom got a more
understanding reaction from
western nations.

UN leader Ban Ki-moon said Saudi Arabia did not immediately send notification of its decision to reject the term due to start on January 1. Diplomats said it could be possible to persuade the Saudi government to reverse the decision announced in an outspoken foreign ministry statement

Saudi Arabia was one of five nations elected by the UN General Assembly on Thursday to start a two-year term on the Security Council. The others were Chad, Chile, Lithuania and Nigeria. All had stood unopposed.

No country has ever won a council seat and then refused to take it up.

Saudi Arabia's UN ambassador, Abdullah Al-Mouallimi, gave several press interviews hailing the election.

But the celebrations had barely finished when the Saudi foreign ministry announced the withdrawal

Russia boycotted council meetings in 1950 in a dispute over who represents China. The council held meetings without them.

In 1980, Cuba and Colombia failed to get a required majority in repeat General Assembly votes. The Council met with 14 members for two weeks until Mexico was finally elected.

If Saudi Arabia maintains the threat, the Asia-Pacific group of nations would have to propose a new candidate for the UN General Assembly to vote on.

Several envoys said that efforts would be made to persuade Saudi Arabia to take up its seat.



LONDON (AFP) - Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai was reduced to fits of laughter on Friday by Queen Elizabeth II's husband Prince Philip as she met the royal couple at Buckingham Palace. The 16-year-old, who was shot by the Taliban for championing girls' rights to an education, met Queen Elizabeth at a reception for youth, education and the Malala, accompanied by her father, gave the queen a copy of her autobiography, "I Am Malala". Malala told the queen, who is head of the 53-nation Commonwealth that includes Pakistan, that she was passionate about every child around the world having a right to an education.. At an event in Edinburgh on Saturday, Malala is set to be reunited with the two school friends who were injured alongside her.



Health & Living

Family decides when to cut off life support: court

OTTAWA (AFP) - Family, not doctors, should decide when to cut offlife support, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Friday in the case of a severely-brain damaged man

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In a 5-2 split decision, the justices said Hassan Rasouli's Toronto doctors must obtain consent from his wife to disconnect feeding and hydration tubes, or failing that apply for permission from a quasi-judicial board that addresses matters of consent in healthcare.

Rasouli, 61, fell into a coma after undergoing brain surgery for a benign tumor in 2010.

Since then, the retired engineer has been in a persistent vegetative state with no hope for recovery, according to his doc-

But his wife Parichehr Salasel, citing their Shia Muslim faith and her belief that his small hand and facial movements showed he is "minimally conscious," refused consent for pulling out the tubes keeping him alive.

Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin, writing for the majority, called the case a "tragic, yet increasingly common conflict."

She noted that modern medicine may keep a person alive for a very long time, but wondered what should happen if there is "no prospect for recovery and only a long progression of complications as the body deteriorates."

In the end, the high court skirted ethical concerns raised by doctors and accepted a definition of life support as a form of medical treatment, whose withdrawal requires consent from a patient or next-of-kin, according to Ontario law.

The ruling applies only to Ontario province, but five other provinces have similar health laws.

Justice Andromache Karakatsanis in a dissenting opinion
said Ontario province's health
act does not "give patients, or
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the right to insist on the continuation of treatment that is futile,
harmful, or contrary to medical
standards of care."







ZURICH (AFP) - This handout picture taken by Swiss customs Administration and provided by Swissmedic on Friday shows a sample of a large stock of counterfeit medicines containing one million fake tablets of Xanax, an anti anxiety manufactured by Pfizer. Four pallet weighing a total of 1600 kg of fake tablet were seized by Swiss Customs Administration at Zurich Airport. The tablets came from China and were destined to Egypt, via Switzerland.

Sci-Tech

Couple in China sell baby daughter for iPhone: report

SHANGHAI (AFP) - A young Chinese couple are facing criminal punishment for "selling" their infant daughter and using the proceeds to buy an Apple iPhone, state media said Friday.

Shanghai prosecutors have brought a case against them for human trafficking after they illegally put their third child up for adoption online and accepted money for the baby, the Liberation Daily reported.

Investigators found the mother, whose full name was not given, used the money to buy an iPhone, high-end sports shoes and other goods, it said.

Apple's products are wildly popular in China, where a teenager sold his kidney and used the funds to buy an iPhone and iPad in an incident widely reported last year.

But the couple told police that they wanted the girl to have a better upbringing than they could afford, since they already had two children.

"Giving away the child was not for obtaining benefits, but giving the child better guarantees," one said.

Some Chinese, especially in rural areas, have a traditional preference for sons though reports did not say if the child's gender was also a factor in the case.

Online commentary condemned the couple, though some used black humour to describe modern Chinese society and the quest for wealth.

Reports did not give the amount the couple received for the child, but their online postings asked for 30,000 yuan and 50,000 yuan (\$4,900 and \$8,200).

Apple last month launched the iPhone 5s, including a gold-coloured model, and the more budget-conscious iPhone 5c in China





Chemical watchdog says 14 sites inspected in Syria

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Chemical inspectors have checked 14 out of more than 20 sites in Syria, the world's chemical weapons watchdog said Friday as a top UN official appointed to lead the mission headed for The Hague.

"The number of sites visited where inspection activities have been conducted has increased to 14," the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said in a statement.

Damascus has identified a total of 20 sites but the OPCW has not provided an exact number, saying only that "more than 20 sites" are affected by the ongoing inspection

The Hague-based organisation said on Thursday that it had completed "nearly 50 percent" of the inspection of Syria's chemical arsenal, which has to be destroyed by mid-2014. A day earlier, it had said that 11 sites had already been inspected.

Despite the progress made, an OPCW political advisor on Syria told journalists Thursday that security remained a concern for the unprecedented mission in the war-torn country.

The organisation, which last week was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and the United Nations currently have about 60 experts working in Syria to eradicate chemical weapons.

The OPCW last month accepted President Bashar al-Assad's application to join the Chemical Weapons Convention, in a bid to stave off a possible Western military strike.

Syria formally joined the convention on Monday.

So far Syria has won rare praise for its cooperation with the inspectors, but the UN has stressed that key deadlines in the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons should be met.

This included verifying Syria's disclosed chemical weapons, identifying key equipment, destroying production facilities and starting the destruction of Category 3 chemical weapons by November 1.

Meanwhile, the Dutch official named by the UN to head the dangerous mission in Syria "is scheduled to visit The Hague soon for briefings and discussions," the OPCW said, declining to give exact dates.

Signid Kaag, a UN assistant secretary-general who speaks fluent Arabic and has wide Middle East experience was appointed on Wednesday to head the mission.



SPACE (AFP) - This NASA portrait received October 18, 2013 shows a view looking down on Saturn and its rings, created from images obtained by NASA's Cassini space-craft on October 10, 2013. It was made by amateur image processor and Cassini fan Gordan Ugarkovic. This image has not been geometrically corrected for shifts in the spacecraft perspective and still has some camera artifacts. The mosaic was created from 12 image footprints with red, blue and green filters from Cassini's imaging science subsystem. Ugarkovic used full color sets for 11 of the footprints and red and blue images for one footprint.



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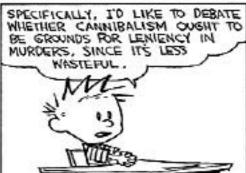






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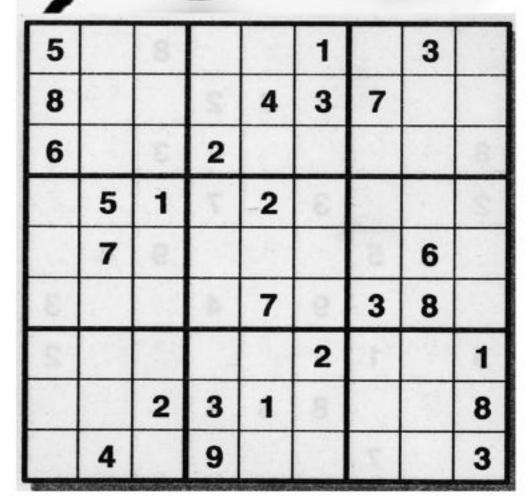
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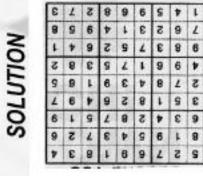
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FINANCE

European stocks climb on China growth data

LONDON (AFP) - European stock markets climbed yesterday and the euro hit a fresh dollar high as traders cheered accelerating Chinese growth and moved on from the US debt ceiling saga.

Markets breathed a sigh of relief that US lawmakers on Wednesday agreed a deal to reopen the government and avert a default, with the earnings season now driving the mood.

Frankfurt's DAX climbed 0.60 percent to set a new record close at 8,865.1 points, and the CAC 40 in Paris jumped 1.09 percent to 4,286.03 points, its highest closing level this year.

In London, the benchmark FTSE 100 index added 0.71 percent to 6,622.58 points, while Madrid's Ibex 35 rose 0.84 percent to climb back above the 10,000 point level for the first time since July

"A strong improvement in Chinese GDP data along with an anticipation of continued Fed stimulus into 2014 has given Europe's markets further impetus into the end of the week, as investors celebrate the fact that the uncertainty of the last three weeks coming from the US has finally been concluded in the short term." said Michael Hewson at CMC Markets UK.

China's economy expanded by 7.8 percent year-on-year in July-September, official data showed on Friday, breaking two quarters of slowing growth.

On the foreign exchange market, the European single currency hit an 8.5-month high against the dollar for a second day running, climbing to \$1.3704.

It later stood at \$1.3693, which compared with \$1.3677 in New York late on Thursday. The dollar fell to 97.77 yen from 97.91 yen on Thursday.

Sterling was about steady at 1.1821 euro, and firmed to \$1.6187.

The price of gold fell to \$1,316.50 an ounce on the London Bullion Market, from \$1,319.25 on Thursday. Gold has hit three-month highs this week, with the precious metal benefiting from its safe haven investment status amid the US debt strains

"Although the (US) deal is temporary, and therefore risks a repeat of the recent political and fiscal dysfunction, the markets are assuming that the Federal Reserve will simply extend its accommodative policy and delay tapering of its bond purchases in order to offset any adverse impacts on the economy," said Neil MacKinnon, economist at VTB Capital Research.

"The US dollar has been the immediate casualty in all of this and is weaker against the major currencies," he added yesterday.

The bill restarts government operations until January 15 and raises the debt ceiling until February 7, giving lawmakers time to draw up a longer term deal.

Wall Street was mostly in positive territory on the back of bumper quarterly profits from Google, which saw its shares gain more than 13 percent to over the \$1,000 mark for the first time

In midday trade the Dow Jones Industrial Average was flat, while the S&P 500 rose 0.40 percent and the techheavy Nasdaq gained 0.90 percent.

Asian markets also mostly rose on Friday following a record close on Wall Street fuelled by relief that Washington had averted a devastating default.

With the US government up and running again, attention moved to economic results and the future of the Federal Reserve's QE stimulus program.

"The assumption is that the Fed, in recognition of this, will delay the wind-down of its quantitative easing program," foreign exchange traders Moneycorp said in a note to clients.

YESTERDAY'S **Crossword Answer**

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Back to borrowing: US debt springs after ceiling lifted

WASHINGTON(AFP) - The US Treasury moved quickly to feed the country's appetite for borrowing after an 11th hour political deal lifted the debt ceiling to avoid default, data showed yesterday.

Treasury figures showed the government went to the markets for an additional \$300 million almost as soon as the \$16.7 trillion cap was removed with the signature of President Barack Obama in the wee hours of Thursday morning.

By the end of Thursday, the country's debt had risen to \$17.03 trillion, Treasury data showed. At least part of the rise came with the resumption of the sale of state and local government series securities, which were suspended on May 17 after the \$16.7 trillion ceiling was set and the Treasury

needed to juggle operations to remain beneath it for as long as possible.

The US needs to borrow increasingly more to bridge a monthly deficit averaging around \$60 billion.

But refusal by congressional Republicans to raise the ceiling in order to extract political concessions from their Democratic rivals and the White House almost forced the Treasury into a position of being cash short and defaulting on its obligations, including

A last-minute political deal late Wednesday averted that possibility, but it stipulated that a fresh cap be instituted on February 7, 2014, leaving room for a new battle of brinksmanship over government finances.

Mexico lawmakers back tax on junk food, pet treats

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's lower house has approved a disputed fiscal reform plan that includes taxes on sugary drinks, junk food and pet treats to boost government revenue in Latin America's second economy.

President Enrique Pena Nieto has pushed the legislation, which would also raise taxes on higher earners, to

improve the country's lackluster tax collection, one of the lowest in the region.

But soft drink firms and other businesses have criticized the proposed taxes as bad for the economy, taking out advertisements in newspapers to oppose the legisla-

The chamber of deputies approved the general outline

of the bill 317-164 late Thursday and voted on the details early yesteray. It now goes to the Senate.

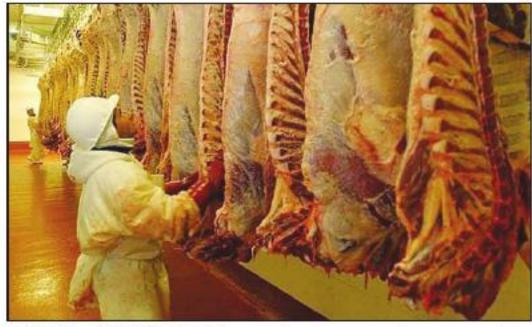
The legislation includes levies aimed at reducing obesity in Mexico, which rivals the United States for the dubious title of world's fattest nation, with 71 percent of the population overweight.



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Brazil reports higher beef exports, eyes new markets



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) -Brazilian beef exports have risen steadily this year, in part due to the weaker real and producers hope international trade accords will help them win new markets, notably in Asia.

"Between January and September, exports surged 19.4 percent over the same period last year," according to the Association of Brazilian Beef Exporters (ABIEC).

With nearly 200 million head of cattle, Brazil is the world's leading beef exporter and this year sales abroad have totaled 1.08 million tons valued at \$4.8 billion, ABIEC said in a statement.

"This year's surge is due in part to the weak real (national currency)," ABIEC executive director Fernando Sampaio said Friday, adding that the country has other competitive advantages and can meet growing demand, notably in Asia

Today, Latin America's biggest economy accounts for nearly 20 percent of world beef exports, with Hong Kong, Russia and the European Union as its main clients.

"This trend of rising Brazilian exports should last at least one year," according to Fernando Iglesias, an analyst with the agri business consulting firm Safras e Mercado.

"With rising demand from exporters, Brazilian beef has reached very high quality levels and there is no indication that countries will close their borders," he said.

But some countries have raised sanitary issues.

Last December, six countries suspended their imports of Brazilian beef over a twoyear-old case of mad cow dis-

ease

Scientists believe the disease was caused by using infected parts of cattle to make feed for other cattle.

Brazilian officials insisted the Parana case poses no risk to public health or to animal hygiene.

And this has since been confirmed by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE).

Moscow has eased its restrictions, allowing six Brazilian slaughterhouses to resume shipments to Russia on October 11.

But Brasilia plans to turn to the World Trade Organization's sanitary committee next week to demand a lifting of the suspension by China, Japan and South Africa.

These three markets represent only 1.5 percent of total Brazilian exports, "but this is a matter of principle and image," according to Sampaio

By using halal slaughgter rites, Brazil also exports to several Muslim countries such as Egypt, Iran and Algeria.

"We are today targeting Indonesia," a Muslim country with 245 million people, said the ABIEC executive.

But he noted that Indonesian law bans any import from countries affected by foot-andmouth disease, which still exists in some Brazilian regions.

Nobel winners urge Russia to drop Greenpeace piracy charges



MOSCOW (AFP) - Eleven Nobel Peace Prize winners have called on Russian President Vladimir Putin to ensure that "excessive charges of piracy" laid against 30 Greenpeace activists are dropped, Greenpeace said on Thursday.

The Russian authorities have charged the 30 crew members with piracy, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years, after they staged a protest against Arctic oil drilling last month.

The activists from 18 countries have been placed in pretrial detention until late November, where their lawyer said they have to endure "inhuman conditions."

The Nobel laureates including South African Bishop Desmond Tutu and former President of East Timor Jose Ramos Horta said that an oil spill in the Arctic would have a "catastrophic impact" on local communities

Putin has said that the activists from Greenpeace's Dutch-flagged vessel "of course are not pirates" but his spokesman later said the president had expressed his own opinion.

The Netherlands has filed a legal case over the crew's arrest and on Wednesday, German Chancellor Angela Merkel voiced concern in a phone call to Putin over the detention of the Greenpeace activists.

Handout picture released by Greenpeace showing protesters demonstrating in demand of the release of 30 Greenpeace activists placed in pre-trial detention by the Russian government until late November, at a Shell gas station in Buenos Aires yesterday.

Dutch say Russian embassy flat break-in 'regular burglary'

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A
Russian embassy flat in The
Hague was broken into on
Thursday night, the latest incident to spike tensions between
the two countries which Dutch
police said appeared to be a
regular burglary.

"Some personal effects were stolen, I can't say what," police spokeswoman Ellen van Zijl told AFP on Friday, adding that no arrests had yet been made over the break-in at a house located close to the Russian embassy grounds.

The building contains several apartments and is managed by the Russian embassy but has no diplomatic status, police said in a statement.

"The break-in fits the modus operandi of recent burglaries in that part of town," it added.

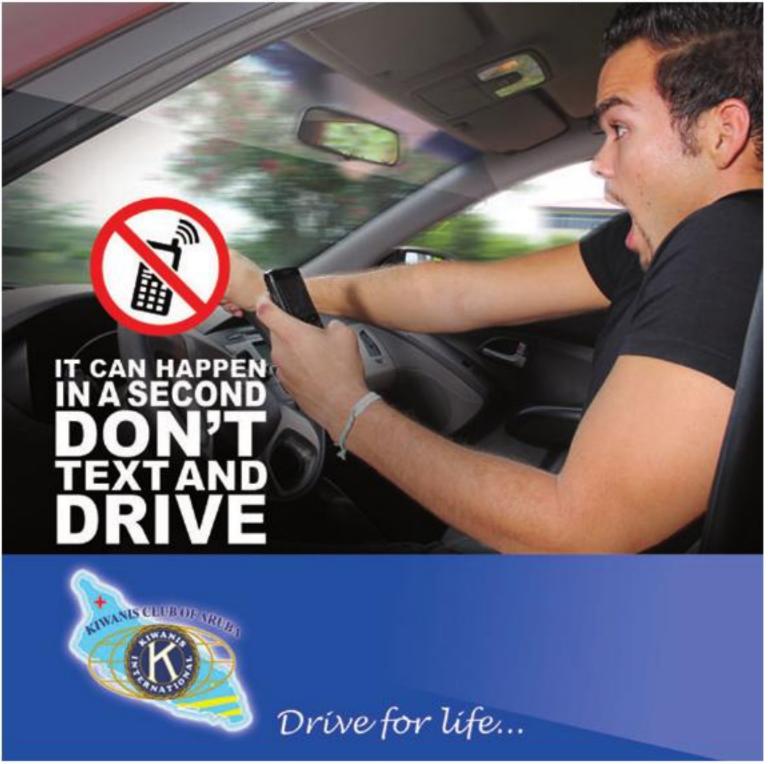
The Russian foreign ministry said that embassy staff had discovered that one of the apartments had been broken into when they returned home from work.

Russia expects "the Dutch authorities to take exhaustive measures in order to establish the culprits of this crime," it said.

The break-in came days after a senior Dutch diplomat at The Netherlands embassy in Moscow was beaten up at his home in the Russian capital by unknown attackers.

Dutch police said no damage was done to The Hague apartment and "nothing was daubed on the walls," in apparent reference to a heart and the letters LGBT (standing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) left drawn in lipstick at the Dutch diplomat's flat in Moscow.

Who ever broke in entered through the front door and did no damage, police said, adding that they were working with the Russian embassy on investigating the incident.



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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or



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From an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

SPORTS

Best of the Best Powerade Taekwondo Cup 2013 has been selected



Estrella Taekwondo Center team

-- Last week the Brazil Tackwondo Foundation chose all their athletes who will be participating in the Best of the Best Taekwondo Cup 2013 to take place on November 2nd at the Centro di Bario Brazil The athletes chosen are those who participated in the 2nd or 3rd Brazil Taekwondo Foundation program. These athletes will have the first opportunity to fight against international countries that are coming to participate in the Best of the Best Powerade Taekwondo Cup 2013. The countries in question are, Curacao, Suriname, Venezuela and the USA

The teams coming to participate are prepared to join in the after party to the tunes of Oreo and Le Groove. The Aruban athletes of the 5 Taekwondo schools of Aruba are:

Noord Taekwondo Center under leadership of Grand Master Chaco Cornelio

Frank Croes
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Denice Rafael
Sarah Abreu
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MLB playoff schedule

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Sun. Oct. 13 - Detroit at Boston
Boston 6, Detroit 5 -(Series tied 1-1)
Tue. Oct. 15 - Boston at Detroit
Boston 1, Detroit 0 (Boston lead 2-1)
Wed. Oct. 16 - Boston at Detroit
Boston 3, Detroit 7 (Series tied 2-2)
Thu. Oct. 17 - Boston at Detroit
Boston 4, Detroit 3 ((Boston lead 3-2)
Sat. Oct. 19 - Detroit at Boston

National League Los Angeles Dodgers v St. Louis Cardinals

Sun. Oct. 20 - Detroit at Boston

Fri. Oct. 11 - Los Angeles at St. Louis
St.Louis 3, Los Angeles 2 (St.L leads 1.0)
Sat. Oct. 12 - Los Angeles at St. Louis
St. Louis 1, Los Angeles 0- (ST.L leads 2-0)
Mon. Oct. 14 - St. Louis at Los Angeles
St. Louis 0, Los Angeles 3- (ST.L leads 2-1)
Tue. Oct. 15 - St. Louis at Los Angeles
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 2- (ST.L leads 3-1)
Wed. Oct. 16 - St. Louis at Los Angeles
St. Louis 4, Los Angeles 6- (ST.L leads 3-2)
Fri. Oct. 18 - Los Angeles at St. Louis
Sat. Oct. 19 - Los Angeles at St. Louis



NFL: Manning to lead Broncos in emotional return to Indy

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Pevton Manning, who has thrown 22 touchdowns in leading Denver to a 6-0 start, takes the Broncos to Indianapolis Sunday in what promises to be an emotional return to his former NFL home.

The quarterback himself, whose 14-season tenure in Indianapolis yielded four Most Valuable Player awards and a Super Bowl title in 2007, says he honestly doesn't know how he'll feel.

"Football is certainly an emotional game, but to predict how you will feel? I just don't know."

But the game -- which will pit Manning against the young quarterback the Colts drafted as his successor in 2012. An-

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drew Luck -- has already sparked plenty of feeling.

Broncos coach John Fox took Colts owner Jim Irsay to task for comments made to USA Today, in which Irsay said the decision to release Manning was an effort to build a team that could win more Super Bowls.

Irsay told the newspaper that seeing New England, Pittsburgh and the New York Giants rack up multiple Super Bowl wins as the Colts managed just one in Manning's tenure "leaves you frustrated".

Fox called the remarks "disappointing and inappropriate" but he wasn't surprised that Manning opted not to com-

"Peyton would never say anything, he's too classy for that," Fox said. "But they sounded a little ungrateful and unappreciative to me for a guy that has set a standard, won a Super Bowl, won division titles, won four MVP awards. I'd be thankful with that one Super Bowl ring because there's a lot of people that don't have one."

Despite his ire, Fox said the pre-game hype would be

meaningless on Sunday, when he expected Manning to be -as usual -- at his best.

The Broncos can't afford any letdown, with AFC West rivals Kansas City also off to a 6-0 start. It's only the second time since the divisional structure was introduced in 1933 that two teams in the same division have started 6-0.

The Texans will be without injured quarterback Matt Schaub, who hurt his right ankle and departed in the third quarter of a loss to St. Louis last week.

Week seven opened Thursday night with NFC West leaders Seattle handing division foes Arizona a 34-22 defeat.

Seattle's Russell Wilson threw for 235 yards and three touchdowns, completing 18of-29 passes and adding 29 rushing yards in the victory.

Marshawn Lynch racked up 91 yards and a score on 21 carries for the Seahawks, whose 6-1 start is a first in club history.

Other key matchups this week include the Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia in a duel for first place in the NFC East.

The Eagles have won two

straight after a 31-20 victory at Tampa Bay last week.

But they'll be without quarterback Michael Vick, who Thursday ruled himself out as he continues to recover from a hamstring injury.

Nick Foles will get the start-

ing nod, having completed 22 of 31 passes for 296 yards and three touchdowns against Tampa Bay.

AFC North-leading Cincinnati face a tough test at Detroit.

The Lions are tied with Chicago atop the NFC North and will be aiming to beat an AFC opponent for the second straight week.

Other games this week see Tampa Bay at Atlanta, Chicago at Washington, New England at the New York Jets, Buffalo at Miami, St. Louis at Carolina, San Diego at Jacksonville. San Francisco at Tennessee, Cleveland at Green Bay, Baltimore at Pittsburgh and, on Monday, Minnesota at the New York Giants.

Running back Rashard Mendenhall #28 of the Arizona Cardinals is tackled for a loss by outside linebacker Bruce Irvin #51 of the Seattle Seahawks

Warriors rout Lakers 115-89 in Shanghai

SHANGHAI (AFP) - Klay Thompson poured in 25 points as the Golden State Warriors defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 115-89 in a pre-season game in front of a packed crowd in Shanghai on Friday.

Thompson shot five from six behind the three-point line and two of his threes started a 13-0 Warnors run near the end of the third quarter that blew open what had previously been a close game.

Thompson was backed by power forward David Lee, who scored 16 points, and productive bench contributions from Draymond Green and Kent Bazemore, who both finished with 14 points.

New Warriors swingman Andre Iguodala finished with

four points but also tallied a game-high 14 assists with seven rebounds and five steals.

It wasn't all good news for the Warriors as star point guard Stephen Curry finished with nine points on an offshooting night.

Even more alarming was center Andrew Bogut leaving minutes into the game. However Jackson said it was more out of precaution.

Los Angeles was led by center Pau Gasol, who finished with 16 points and seven rebounds. The four-time All-Star was the only Laker to finish with over 10 points.

Lakers coach Mike D'Antoni opted to play 14 players in the game but the team couldn't overcome a dreadful shooting might.

MLB: : Red Sox on brink of World Series return

DETROIT (AFP) - Mike Napoli homered and the Red Sox tagged Detroit starter Anibal Sanchez for four runs Thursday in a 4-3 win that put Boston on the brink of returning to baseball's World Series.

The victory gave the Red Sox a 3-2 lead in the best-ofseven American League Championship Series, which shifts to Boston for game six on Saturday and game seven, if necessary, on Sunday.

The Red Sox are trying to get back to Major League Baseball's championship showcase for the first time since 2007, when they won their second World Series in four years.

The Tigers were swept by the San Francisco Giants last year in the Fall Classic.

Napoli smacked a towering solo homer over the center field wall in the second inning to give Boston a lead they never surrendered.

Napoli, who also hit the solo homer that was the only run of game three, also had a double and a single, and scored Boston's fourth run in the third inning on a wild pitch from Sanchez.

Boston's starting pitcher Jon Lester allowed two runs in 5 1/3 innings and the Red Sox bullpen allowed just one run before Japanese closer Koji Uehara got the final five outs for his second save of the senes.

"He's been a stud for us all year," catcher David Ross said of Uehara. "He's our horse at the end of that thing."

The Tigers lost catcher Alex Avila with what the team said was a left knee strain. Avila was hurt in a collision at the plate with Red Sox catcher David Ross in the second inning and was taken out after the fourth.

Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera, battling the nagging effects of a groin injury, cost Detroit a chance to score in the first inning when he ran through a stop sign from third base coach Tom Brookens and tried to score from second on Jhonny Peralta's two-out single to left field.

He was thrown out standing up by Jonny Gomes.

Napoli homered on a 3-1 fastball to lead off the second frame, sparking a three-run outburst by Boston.

Ross hit an RBI double off the bottom of the left field wall and Jacoby Ellsbury plated a run with a drive that was deflected on the mound by Sanchez.

Napoli hit a ground-rule double to left in the third, moved up on a ground out and scored on the wild pitch to give Boston a 4-0 lead.

Detroit chipped away with one run each in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings, but couldn't get any closer.

It was the fourth game of the series to be decided by just one

Tigers manager Jim Leyland said his team's task now was to focus on Saturday's game, and not worry about what might come after.

"We have to win one game, that's obvious," Leyland said,



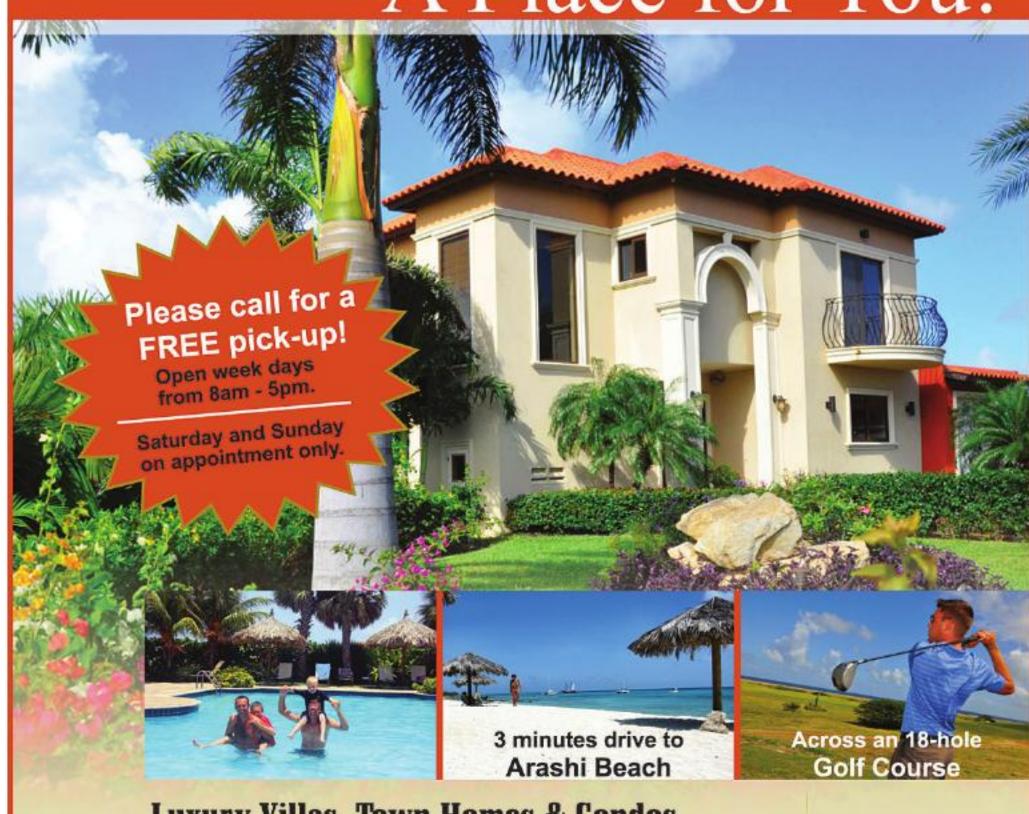
"win one game and take it from there."

However, he admitted before the game that a defeat could spell trouble for his team, with the last two games to be held at Boston's Fenway Park.

"They're pretty good there, obviously," Leyland said.

pic:Xander Bogaerts hit a double and scored a run as the Red Sox opened up a 3-2 advantage over the Tigers in the ALCS.

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